

these amendments. Applicants also amended the claim term "the unusual number of platelets" to recite that the subject in question had a "reduced platelet count." The specification states that this invention is designed to treat hemopathy (any disease of the blood) that results in thrombocytopenia. (Specification, page 22, lines 1-7). Thrombocytopenia is medically defined as a reduction in the number of platelets in the blood, and can be caused by a variety of conditions or problems. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

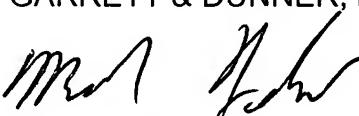
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